(w) A Scheme for setting up six Composite Resource Centres (CRCs) has been recently approved as a Central Scheme with the objective of creating an infrastucture for serving as composite outreach extension centres of the National Institutes under the disabilities sector for providing, *inter-alia* training, research, development and models of rehabilitation.

**Government's Contribution in the Share Capital of MPSMFDC**

†391. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether minorities Finance and Development Corporation has been set up at national level for economic development of minority communities;

(b) if so, the amount fixed for Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) if not, the contribution of Central Government in the share capital of MP State Minorities Finance and Development Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI):(a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

Year-wise disbursements to Madhya Pradesh State Minorities Finance and Development Corporation are as given below:—

Amount in Rs/lacs

| Year | 1995-96 | 1996-97 | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amount | 136.30 | 364.07 | Nil | 235.18 |

In the current year (1999-2000), Rs. 204 lacs have been allocated to Madhya Pradesh State Minorities Finance and Development Corporation. However, drawal so far is nil.

(c) Does not arise.

**Crimes Committed on Pretext of Beggary in the Capital**

†392. SHRI D. P. YADAV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that crimes are being committed at all the main crossings of roads in the National Capital on the pretext of beggary;

(b) whether Government have formulated any scheme to catch such beggars and send them to the beggar houses;

(c) whether any programme has been initiated to rehabilitate them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) According to the information received from Government of NCT of Delhi, a number of beggars are active in Delhi.

(b) to (d): In Delhi, the Bombay Prevention of Begging Act 1959 is in force under which beggars are arrested by the Anti-Begging Squad of Government of Delhi with the help of Delhi Police. Thereafter, these beggars are produced before the competent court, who convict them to Custodial Homes run by the Government of NCT of Delhi in case of conviction. In Delhi, 12 Beggar Homes and one Rehabilitation Centre for Lepers is being run by the Government of NCT of Delhi. In these Homes, beggars are kept and also as a measure of rehabilitation, they are given vocational training in training centres of these Homes for the following:

1. Candle making
2. Cutting & Tailoring
3. Auto Repair
4. Detergent & soap making
5. TV and Radio repairs
6. Book binding
7. Cycle repairs

**Delay in releasing amount for award of PMS for SCs/STs in Karnataka**

393. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL